



MINUTES

ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE MEETING

JULY 30, 2009 – 9:30 A.M.

ABP Board Room – Little Rock

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leroy Brownlee, Chairman
Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner
John Felts, Commissioner
John Belken, Commissioner
Joe Peacock, Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS PRESENT: James L. Williams, II, Attorney
Ernest Sanders, Jr., Attorney

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASON(S): Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
Carol V. Bohannon, Attorney

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Sharon H. Lewis, Executive Assistant to the Director

OTHER AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Ronald Dobbs, Assistant Director, Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC)
Dan Roberts, Deputy Director, Department of Community Correction (DCC)
Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, Department of Community Correction
Jeff Tillman, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, Department of Community Correction
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Solomon Graves, Computer Support Specialist/ACA Coordinator, ABP
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, Parole Services - ABP
Lois Hansberry, Administrative Support Supervisor, Revocation - ABP

PRESIDING – *Chairman Brownlee*

CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Brownlee called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF JULY 16, 2009 BOARD MINUTES

Carpenter moved. *Felts* seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POPULATION REPORTS

The board reviewed the population reports. Discussion was held on the increase of the inmate population and the county jail backup for Arkansas Department of Correction and Arkansas Department of Community Correction.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Mr. Barnes reported on the status of the pending lawsuits and the motions filed for dismissal of both lawsuits. The Board will meet with Mr. Barnes at a later date to discuss the acts passed in the 87th Legislative Session and will impact the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Graves reported on the status of ACA accreditation. He requested for everyone to submit documentation and/or certificates for the completion and recording of training hours.

Mr. Graves is working with Dr. William “Dubs” Byers, Ed.D., Superintendent, Arkansas Correctional Schools, on scheduling a workshop for ABP.

Copies of each board member’s training record were given to them. Mr. Graves will be coordinating five (5) training classes for mandatory attendance by board members, hearing examiners and/or staff.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman introduced Mrs. Robin Radford as the newly hired Investigator & Safety Coordinator for ABP.

Mr. Graves informed the board that their state cell phones are being upgraded and he distributed a copy of the specification of the phone they will receive. Upon receiving new phones, all old phones and accessories must be turned in.

Congratulatory remarks were extended to ABP employees Lois Hansberry and Lateresa Smith on making the Dean’s List at University of Arkansas Little Rock this past semester.

On Thursday, August 13, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., the Board will be visiting the Searcy Parole/Probation Office. Board pictures will also be taken on this date.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 10:05 A.M.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

The victim input hearing listing was reviewed.

Attorney Q. Byrum Hurst, Jr., spoke on behalf of his client Frank Gomez – ADC #122648, who received a 20 year sentence for criminal attempt. Mr. Hurst was requesting for the Board to release Mr. Gomez to federal detainer until his release date of Jan 2011. Mr. Gomez will remain on state parole supervision until 2021. Gomez's file was circulated for board recommendation.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Felts moved.

Carpenter seconded the motion to ratify the votes. Motion carried.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

LEROY BROWNLEE
CHAIRMAN

SIGNATURE ON FILE

JOHN FELTS
ACTING SECRETARY

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES BY UNITS**

JULY 2009

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

BENTON



CAC



CUMMINS



DIAGNOSTIC



EAST



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NEAC



OUACHITA REGIONAL



PINE BLUFF



RANDALL L. WILLIAMS CORR.



SEAR



SWAR



TRCC



VARNER



WRIGHTSVILLE



OTHER: RESCINDS & TRANSFER SCREENINGS, ACT 290'S



**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, CLEMENCIES,
PARDONS, ETC.**

MOTION BY: JOHN FELTS

SECONDED BY: ABRAHAM CARPENTER, JR.

RATIFICATION DATE: JULY 30, 2009